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In re application of:) Examiner: Callahan, Paul E
Jack CHANEY)
For: System and method for copy protection)
for digital signals) Group Art Unit: 2137
Application No.: 09/226,577)
Filed: January 7, 1999) Official Letter and Reply
) to Interview Summary
) dated January 12, 2006
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OFFICIAL LETTER AND STATEMENT OF
THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

MS Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby responds to the Interview Summary of January 12, 2006 in the above-referenced patent application.

Through this Official Letter, Applicant would like to make the U.S. Patent Office aware that the substance of the November 1, 2005 interview between Examiner Paul Callahan and Applicant's representative, Michael Zarrabian (Reg. No. 39,886), was addressed on pages 15 and 16 of the Amendment filed with the U.S. Patent Office on November 10, 2005. For the Patent

Office's convenience, the "Interview Summary" discussed in the November 10, 2005 Amendment is inserted below. Please consider the Interview Summary as Applicant's Statement of Substance of Interview to enter onto the record according to 37 CFR §1.133(b), MPEP §713.04.

Interview Summary

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview of November 1, 2005 with Applicant's representative, Michael Zarrabian (Reg. No. 39,886), in which rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Girod in view of Berson was discussed. Applicant provided arguments based on the following arguments/remarks, and agreement was reached with the Examiner that the cited references do not disclose all of limitations of Claim 1 (i.e., Berson and Girod do not teach limitation (d) of Claim 1), whereby no *prima facie* case of obviousness has been established.

Applicant further brought to the attention of the Examiner that Applicant believes limitations of Claim 1 are novel and non-obvious, such as for example, limitation (d) of transmitting *the scrambled signal and said data signal to a receiver* for subsequent recovery of said scrambled signal.

CONCLUSION

Applicant would like to thank Examiners Callahan for granting the telephone interview.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if any open issues remain with respect to the telephone interview.

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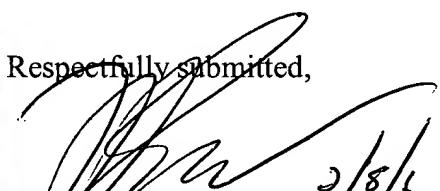
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